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SUBJECT: POLL SHOWS LACK OF ESTEEM FOR BERLIN PARLIAMENT

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1. REFTTEL REPORTED CURRENT PROCESS OF SELF-CRITICISM WITHIN SPD. ACCORDING TO INFAS PUBLIC OPINION POLL COMMISSIONED BY FORMER PRESIDENT OF HOUSE OF REPS SICKERT, AND CONDUCTED PRIOR TO MARCH 2 ELECTIONS BUT JUST NOW RELEASED, SUCH SELF-CRITICISM IS JUSTIFIED. ACCORDING TO SUMMARY OF POLL WHICH APPEARED IN DEC 14 TAGESSPIEGEL, 43 PERCENT OF REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF 994 BERLINERS THOUGHT THAT MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPS REPRESENT PARTY INTERESTS AND NOT THOSE OF CITIZENRY. RESPONSE FROM BERLINERS AGED 34 AND YOUNGER WAS EVEN WORSE: 70 PERCENT THOUGHT MEMBERS OF BERLIN PARLIAMENT REPRESENTED PRIMARILY PARTY INTERESTS.

2. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HOUSE OF REPS, 40 PERCENT OF SAMPLE THOUGHT HOUSE'S PERFORMANCE ONLY SATISFACTORY AGAINST 20 PERCENT WHO THOUGHT IT GOOD. (THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF THOSE THAT RATED BERLIN PARLIAMENT GOOD WERE THEMSELVES UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTY MEMBERS.)

3. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE WRITES TO A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPS? THIRTY-THREE PERCENT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE READ AND ANSWERED; HOWEVER, ONLY 15 PERCENT THOUGHT COMPLAINT OR PROBLEM ACTUALLY WOULD RECEIVE ANY ATTENTION.

4. HOUSE OF REPS MEMBERS FARED LITTLE BETTER WITH THE QUESTION: "DO YOU KNOW MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPS?" FORTY-THREE PERCENT KNEW THEIR REPS WHO WERE SENATORS BUT ONLY 12 PERCENT COULD RECALL MEMBERS WHO WERE BACK-BENCHERS.  
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